

Library, Colleton County
Walterboro, South Carolina

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LIBRARY
Walterboro, Colleton County, South Carolina

Owner: Walterboro Library Society

Date of Erection: c.1820

Builder: Unknown

Architect: Unknown

Present Condition: Good

Materials of Construction: Frame on brick piers

Additional Data: The organization owning this building was formed in 1820 and though its tenure has been long it is not definitely known that the building was erected for it. The design would indicate that it was built for such use, or for a doctor's or lawyer's office. It is directly opposite the site of Crompton's Tavern, an old stage coach stop, and may have had some use connected with the tavern. The first store in the village was erected in 1822 directly adjacent to the Library. Also nearby was the Ireland Creek Roadhouse, built in 1790, the first building erected in Walterboro. The Library building is a simple rectangle about 18 by 20 feet covered by a low gable roof which appears on the end walls as pediments. The structure is one story high, weatherboarded, with a very delicate cornice. The facade has centered on it a doorway, designed after the Palladian motive with louvered fan above and sidelights at either side. The door itself is double, each valve having two panels. Flanking the doorway are two twelve light windows, surmounted by a delicate entablature, identical with that on the doorway. On either of the end elevations there is a Palladian window, the central opening having twenty lights with fixed louvered panes in the lunette above. All of the windows have shutters.

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